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SUBJECT: ANTITRUST: COMPANIE DE SAINT GOBAIN-PONT-A-MOUSSON

1. THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION (FTC) HAS INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT THAT IT IS CONDUCTING AN ANTITRUST INVESTIGATION INTO THE RECENT ACQUISITION BY A FRENCH CORPORATION, COMPANIE DE SAINT GOBAIN-PONT-A-MOUSSON, OF AN ADDITIONAL 20 PERCENT STOCKHOLDING OF A US FIRM, CERTAINFEED PRODUCTS CORPORATION.

2. THE INVESTIGATION IS CONCENTRATING ON THE POSSIBILITY, AS A RESULT OF THE ACQUISITION, OF REDUCED COMPETITION IN THE US PRODUCT MARKETS FOR FLAT GLASS, FIBERGLASS, ASBESTOS CEMENT PIPE AND POLYVINYCHLORIDE PIPE (PVC PIPE). AFTER THE INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED, A DETER-MINATION WILL BE MADE AS TO WHETHER THE ACQUISITION BY
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ST. GOBAIN VIOLATES SECTION 7 OF THE CLAYTON ACT OR

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SECTION 5 OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION ACT.

3. THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INFORM THE GOF FORMALLY OF THE INVESTIGATION, MAKING SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE OECD NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE ADOPTED OCTOBER 5, 1967. ACCORDING TO THE OECD, NOTIFICATION SHOULD BE MADE TO: MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, 37, QUAI D'ORSAY, PARIS, 7E, FRANCE, WITH A COPY TO: FRENCH DELEGATION TO OECD, 21, RUE

OCTAVE-FEUILLET, PARIS 16E, FRANCE.

4. PLEASE REPORT ANY SIGNIFICANT GOF REACTIONS. ANY SPECIAL PROBLEMS MIGHT BE BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF FTC CHAIRMAN LEWIS ENGMAN WHO WILL BE IN PARIS JUNE 10-14 ATTENDING OECD MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES. SISCOE

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